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COL. SEC. OFFICE,
Victoria 5th April, 1860.

The following extract from a report dated the 23rd Feb. 1860, received from the Government Agent resident upon the South West coast of Vancouver's Island, is herewith published for general information.

By Command of His Excellency the Governor.

WILLIAM A. G. YOUNG,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

EXTRACT FROM A LETTER DATED OHIAT BARCLAY SOUND FROM MR. W. BANFIELD, INDIAN AGENT, TO THE COLONIAL SECRETARY.

On the 5th of February, I started on a journey up the Alberni Canal to visit the Chetan-o-ass and Yucaltal valleys or districts of country, closely following the shores of the canal I minutely inspected almost every crevice in the rocks, and I beg to apprise you for His Excellency's information, that as far as I am a judge of copper ore I found it to exist in quantities. One large mountain I am of opinion is a solid mass of copper ore. I found a specimen roughly knocked off without selection, of what I consider to be copper ore, some of the best appears to me to contain from 30 to 45 per cent of copper.

It may appear strange that though I have been here nine months and on the coast for years, I have not previously observed it, but I never examined it so closely before, not thinking it worth while to come into such proximity to rocks. The mountain I mention as supsupposed to contain copper ore, leads me to such an inference, from its extreme baldness, and from the fact that all vegetation and trees are apparently burnt up from some cause. The whole face of the western shore of the canal is marked with peculiar volcanic features. What I have termed Cheetan-o-ass Valley is the tract of country on the Nanaimo trail. Mr. Horn, the H. B. Company's clerk, has, long antecedent to this, given better information relative to it, than I possibly can.

It is a large tract of beautiful country alternately plain and woodland, but the latter is so clear from underwood and is composed of such straight, graceful slender red pine, that is nothing more than ornamental and no more than would be useful for farm purposes. I viewed it in rainy weather when every thing looked gloomy, therefore I don't think I should be guilty of exaggeration or high coloring to pronounce it by far the best tract of country on the Island. I took merely one day's walk through it, and for miles on either hand and in front, it appeared the same. The soil is a medium clay, and I should infer from the roots of the trees being entirely embedded, and so little fallen timber, that the soil was far richer than about Victoria or Saanitch; where the trees have fallen they are broken and not uprooted. Some of the plains are covered with sal-leel, (the proper name of which I do not know, this being the common name given by the Canadans,) ferns and grass.

On the following day I took a different direction, going up the Somass River, intending to have gone a couple of days' journey further to the North towards In-can-tal. I got as as far the upper camp of the Opechesets tribe on the border of a large lake which feeds the Somnass River, when my guides objected to go any further, alledging as an excuse that the weather was to cold to camp out at night, consequently I did not press them, but they described a much larger tract of clear country in this direction than in the other, of which I trust shortly to give information from my own personal observation.

I have to inform you that the brig Swi[illegible] parted

her chain on the 2nd January in a heavy gale from the South. She now lies on a sand beach, much grown over with barnacles both hull and cargo. I have given the Indians orders not to disturb the cargo, or do other injury, which they have promised to comply with.

WILLIAM E. BANFIELD.

PUBLIC NOTICE.

TENDERS will be received up to 12 o'clock noon of the 20th April 1860, at the office of the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, New Westminster, for the formation of a Waggon Road (with short additional portion of road, sixty-seven (67) chains in length at the camp end) from the camp, New Westminster, to Burrard Inlet—total length of road six (6) miles—width to be twelve (12) feet, with sidings at intervals, surface not metalled, but finished hard.

The whole is through a cutting of twenty (20) feet already opened through the forest, but the road may deviate within a width of sixty-six (66) feet from the extreme left side of the present cutting, and also sixty-six (66) feet from the extreme right side of the opening of the short portion above referred to.

For particulars as to construction any persons desirous of tendering are referred to the specification, which may be seen at the above named office between the hours of 10 and 12 A. M.

Payment will be made as follows:—One-fifth of the whole to be in New Westminster Town Lots that may remain unsold after the 5th April, or that shall be laid out afterwards with all reasonable expedition, in addition to those now laid out—Such lot to be valued at the upset price of Twenty (£20) pounds per lot—One-fifth in Suburban Lots around New Westminster—and the remaininig three-fifths in rural land which may be selected from any surveyed or unsurveyed lands, not reserved by Government.

The lowest, or any Tender, not necessarily accepted.

R. C. MOODY, Col. R. E.
Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works.

New Westminster, 20th March, 1860.

VANCOUVER ISLAND COLONY, }
TO WIT. }

A COURT OF ASSIZES and General Gaol Delivery is appointed to be holden on Wednesday, the 11th day of April, instant, at the hour of ten in the forenoon, before the Honorable Chief Justice Cameron, a Justice of our Lady the Queen, assigned to enquire, hear, and determine of all treason, misprisons of treasons, felonies, misdeeds, offences and injuries whatsoever within the said Colony committed.

GEORGE W. HEATON,
Sheriff of Vancouver Island.

Sheriff's Office, April 2nd, 1860.

VANCOUVER ISLAND COLONY.

SUPREME COURT OF CIVIL JUSTICE.

A SESSION of this Court is appointed to be holden on the 16th day of April, instant, Monday at ten o'clock in the forenoon.

GEORGE W. HEATON,
Sheriff of Vancouver Island.

PUBLIC NOTICE.

FORT YALE TRAIL.

SEALED TENDERS in Duplicate will be received for constructing a Mule Trail, nine (9) feet wide, extending from a point beyond the Rocky Bluff, towards Hodge's Store, to a point opposite the Great Falls, Fraser River, a distance of 2¼ miles, more or less.

Specifications to be seen and information obtained on application at the offices of the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, New Westminster, and the Assistant Gold Commissioner, Fort Yale, between the hours of 10 and 12 A. M.; up to the 21st April, after which no Tenders will be received.

Payments for the above named service to be half in money, and half in Rural Land, estimated at ten Shillings per acre. The Land may be selected at once from surveyed or unsurveyed portions, and shall be retained by the Government for the contracting party until the completion of the work.

The lowest or any tender may be rejected.

R. E. Camp, New Westminster, }
22nd March, 1860. } R. C. MOODY,
Col. R. E. and Chief Commmissioner of }
Lands and Works, }

TENDERS.

TENDERS are required for the funds necessary for the construction of the road from Port Douglas along the Harrison-Lilloet trail to Cayoosh.

The Amounts advanced will be secured upon the tolls levied upon the road, and will be repaid from time to time out of the moneys received in respect of the tolls.

Further particulars may be obtained upon application to the Treasurer of British Columbia.

By order of His Excellency the Governor.

W. DRISCOLL GOSSET.
Treasurer.

Feb. 20th, 1860.

PUBLIC NOTICE.

THE Government of British Columbia will give a premium of one hundred and fifty dollars to the person who will first place a steamer for the carriage of Passengers and freight on Seaton Lake; a like amount to the first person placing a like steamer on Lilloet Lake; and a like amount to the person first placing a like steamer on Anderson Lake.

By order of His Excellency the Governor.

WILLIAM A. G. YOUNG,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

ORDER OF COURT.

IN the Supreme Court of Civil Justice, Tuesday, the 3rd day of April, A. D. 1860.

It is ordered that as the day appointed by the Rules of Court for the first day of the April Session of *nisi prius* falls this year on Easter Monday, the followeng Monday to wit, the 16th day of April instant, shall be the first day of the sitting and shall be deemed and taken as such in all proceedings in *nisi prius*.

By order.

THOS. G. WILLIAMS,
Registrar.

N. B.—Under the foregoing order, causes may be set down for trial until the close of the Office on Wednesday the 11th instant.

£50 REWARD.

WHEREAS, on or about the 26th day of October 1859, two white men, names unknown, were murdered on Fraser River, between New Westminster and the sea: And whereas a TRUE BILL for having committed said murder was found by the Grand Jury, at the last As-

sizes held at New Westminster, against an Indian named TAITACH, otherwise "JOHN CHINAMAN," of the Mosqueam Tribe: And whereas, the said Taitach has not yet been made amenable: Now, I do, therefore, by order of His Excellency, the Governor of British Columbia, hereby offer a REWARD of FIFTY POUNDS sterling to any person or persons who shall, within six months from the date hereof, arrest and deliver up to justice the said TAITACH, or any other of the parties concerned in the aforesaid murder.

C. BREW,
Chief Inspector of Police, British Columbia.
New Westminster, B. C, 29th February, 1860.
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NOTICE is hereby given, that the copartnership heretofore subsisting between the undersigned at Douglas, and in British Columbia, trading under the firm name of FRANKLYN, MACDONALD & COMPANY, as General Merchants, has this day been dissolved by mutual concent. Mr. ALLAN MACDONALD is authorized to receive all payments, and settle all engagements of the late firm.

Dated this, 12th day of March, A. D. 1860.

WILLIAM HALES FRANKLIN,
ALLAN MACDONALD.

Witness, J. BOLES GAGGIN, J. P.
Douglas, B. C. a3-3t

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